THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The States are even now constitutionally not permitted to borrow outside the territory of India. Hence even at present, it is the Government of India which negotiates and take loans from the World Bank for State projects. The representatives of States join as part of Indian delegation in negotiations.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

One time settlement in disputed tax collections

2497. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending in courts, because of disputes in levying and collection of indirect taxes such as excise duty, customs duty, sales tax, etc., for three years from 1st April, 1998 to 31st March, 2001;

(b) the total amount involved in the cases mentioned in part (a) above, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government would think of making one time settlement in those cases pending since last five years or more?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The total number of cases pending in courts and amount involved therein relating to Central Excise and Customs duty during the last three financial year is given at Statement (*See below*). No State-wise figures are maintained. As regards sales tax, it is a State subject.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration by the Government.

Statement

Cases pending in courts and amount involved therein

Central Excise (Amount in crores)

Financial Year ending	Supreme Court		High Courts		Lower Courts	
	No. of cases	Amt. involved	No. of cases	Amt. involved	No. of cases	Amt. involved
31.3.99	399	494.79	2132	534.33	749	82.7
31.3.2000	381	232.1	1764	412.99	767	39.3
31.3.2001	326	209.8	1443	352.75	362	58.9

Customs *(Amount in crores)*

Financial Year ending	Supreme Courts		High Courts	
	No. of cases	Amt. involved	No. of cases	Amt. involved
31.3.99	1186	92.77	7901	466.72
31.3.2000	1111	93.7	7967	476.6
31.3.2001	457	62.83	5586	372.56

Revenue loss due to reduction in dividend tax

2498. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of revenue loss expected in 2001-2002 on account of reduction in dividend tax this year from 20 to 10 per cent;

(b) who are the beneficiary companies of this decision;

(c) the first twenty companies in order of the monetary benefit available to those companies; and

(d) what is the implication of the revenue loss to Government in this year and in the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) By reducing the dividend tax from 20% to 10% the expected revenue loss has been estimated at Rs. 1400 crores in 2001-2002.

(b) All the dividend paying domestic companies will benefit by this decision.

(c) The first 20 companies / Public Sector Undertakings in order of the monetary benefit will be (i) Indian Oil Corporation (ii) Reliance Industries Ltd. (iii) State Bank of India (iv) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (v) IDBI (vi) Bank of Baroda (vii) Larsen & Tubro Ltd. (viii) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (ix) TELCO (x) ICICI (xi) Knol Pharmaceutical Ltd. (xii) Bank of India (xiii) Castrol India Ltd. (xiv) Necluear Power Corporation (xv) BSED Ltd. (xvi) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (xvii) Gujarat Ambhuja Cement Ltd. (xiii) Corporation Bank (xix) Western Coalfields Ltd. (xx) Oil and Natural Gas Commission. (d) The implication of the revenue loss cannot be correctly foreseen, as the reduction in tax rates,